

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

### **CLAIM SUMMARY**

Claims 1-27 and 29-39 are pending in the application.

Claim 2-16, 18-25, 27-29, and 32-39 have been canceled without prejudice or waiver.

Claims 30 and 31 were previously presented and now stand allowed.

Claims 13, 36, 37, and 39 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Claims 1, 17 and 26 are currently amended. Claim 1 was amended to include the limitation of claim 13, and claims 17 and 26 were amended to include the limitations of claims 36 and 37 respectively.

New claims 40-46 have been added and those claims represent allowable claims 36, 37 and 39 now written in independent form and including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

All other outstanding issues and claim rejections in this application will be addressed with a continuing application.

### **THE SPECIFICATION**

The objection to the abstract filed with the response dated May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005, as being too long has been addressed by replacing that abstract with a new shorter abstract as requested by the Examiner.

**THE REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC § 112 FIRST AND SECOND PARAGRAPH**

Applicants' gratefully acknowledge the withdrawal of all outstanding rejections under 35 USC § 112, first and second paragraph.

**SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION**

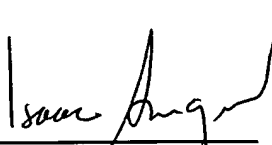
Entry and consideration of the present amendment, reconsideration of the outstanding office action rejections and objections, and allowance of the present application and all of the claims therein are respectfully requested and now believed to be appropriate.

Any amendment to the claims that have been made in this amendment, which do not narrow the scope of the claims, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered cosmetic in nature, and to have made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 703-418-2777 if he feels that further discussion may facilitate the resolution of any outstanding issues.

An early indication of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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